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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING NO. 8-2016
Thursday, July 21, 2016**

The City of Rockville Historic District Commission convened
in the Mayor and Council Chambers on
July 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Rob Achtmeyer, Chair
Emily Correll
Jessica Reynolds
Stefanie Tincher

Absent: Anita Neal Powell

Present: Susan Swift, Director of Community Planning and Development Services
Jodi Shulz, Assistant City Attorney
Sheila Bashiri, Preservation Planner

I. AGENDA REVIEW WORKSESSION (Black Eyed Susan Conference Room)

Chair Achtmeyer announced that the Agenda Review Worksession was held, and that no decisions were made.

II. COMMITTEE / ORGANIZATION REPORTS

- A. Peerless Rockville – Nancy Pickard, Executive Director, noted recent and future programs sponsored and co-sponsored by the organization, including display of the Sesquicentennial Emancipation Quilt.
- B. Lincoln Park Historical Foundation – no report.
- C. Public Comments/Open Forum
- D. HDC and Staff Comments – Commissioner Reynolds announced that she will resign from the Commission due to increasing work conflicts. This meeting will be her last.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 16, 2016

Chair Achtmeyer noted a typographical error in the minutes.

Commissioner Reynolds moved, seconded by Commissioner Correll, to approve the minutes with the correction noted by Chair Achtmeyer. The motion passed 4-0, with Commissioner Neal Powell absent.

IV. CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

- A. HDC2016-00811, Community Ministries of Rockville** – for replacement of landscaping on the front and east elevations, to move a shed from the east to the west elevation, and install playground equipment at the rear of the property at 111 West Jefferson Street.

Sheila Bashiri presented the staff report, which recommended approval.

Laurie Sweeney, director of the preschool, spoke in support of the application.

Richard Saunders of 18 Forest Avenue noted that the playground will be relocated to its original location.

Commissioner Tincher moved, seconded by Commissioner Correll, to approve the application. The motion passed 4-0, with Commissioner Neal Powell absent.

- B. HDC2016-00812, Robert Achtmeyer and Kate Lenane** – for installation of a parking pad and paved recreation area at 26 Wall Street.

This application was withdrawn by the applicant.

V. EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

- A. HDC2016-00810, Woodmont Country Club** – for an Evaluation of Significance of three buildings in order to demolish them at 1201 Rockville Pike.

This application was postponed at the request of the applicant.

VI. DISCUSSION

A. Old Business

1. Discussion of Draft Historic Preservation Text Amendment – Susan Swift updated the HDC on the status of the text amendment. Ms. Swift reminded the HDC about the recommendations of consulting firm ERM regarding updating of the City's historic preservation documents. She noted that staff would bring the draft to the HDC at the September meeting, to be followed by proposed changes to the HDC's Rules of Procedure later in the Fall.
2. Chair Achtmeyer noted that the Commission will have two vacancies to be filled by the Mayor and Council.

B. New Business

VII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Achtmeyer adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.